

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the Office Action mailed June 9, 2004, claims 1-55 were deemed to be subject to restriction and election of species. More specifically, restriction is required for Group I, [Species 1; Species 2 (Claims 4, 15, 27, and 41), Species 3 (Claims 5-6, 16-17, 28-29, and 42-43), Species 4 (Claim 7)]; and Group II, [Species 1 (Claims 10, 20, 32, and 46), Species 2 (Claims 11, 21, 33, and 47)].

By this Amendment and Response, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, Species 3 (Claims 5-6, 16-17, 28-29, and 42-43) and Group II, Species 1 (Claims 10, 20, 32, and 46) without traverse. Applicants' election is without prejudice or admission with respect to the Applicants' right to re-file the withdrawn claims in a divisional application. No new matter has been introduced into the application. The claims as now presented are believed to be in allowable condition. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

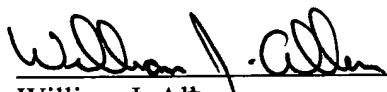
Please feel free to contact the undersigned should any questions arise with respect to this case that may be addressed by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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